

MRS. BYRNE EAGER AS A TUBE FEEDER

But She Can't Use a Cup and Still Remain "True to the Cause."

HER CONDITION NORMAL

Dr. Katharine Davis Visits Her In Cell and Reports Prisoner Cheerful.

Forced meals administered to Mrs. Ethel Byrne, who persists in the hunger strike which she has declared as a protest against her imprisonment in the workhouse on Blackwell's Island for the dissemination of information on birth control, will from now on be served at regular hours, Burdette G. Lewis, Commissioner of Correction, said yesterday that the physicians in charge no longer would wait, as they have, till Mrs. Byrne was so exhausted that the feeding was a palpable necessity.

According to the bulletins issued upon information from Dr. James P. Hunt, visiting physician at the workhouse, a regular schedule was observed yesterday, and the menu indicates that the plucky little nurse absorbed through the rubber tube—which Commissioner Lewis insists she obliged the physicians by voluntarily swallowing—almost as many calories as the police recruits got who have been growing fat on 25 cent a day menus.

First Coffee in Nine Days.

At 9:30 in the morning Mrs. Byrne was persuaded, or compelled, to take one pint of malted milk, two eggs, six ounces of coffee and a small amount of stimulant. The coffee was a luxury, the first she has been given since she was taken to the workhouse nine days ago.

Her second meal, poured through the tube late in the afternoon, was in effect an egg. It consisted of two eggs, a half ounce of brandy and a pint of rich milk. A cup of coffee followed. So says Dr. Hunt, who informs the world that the woman's general condition is good, and her mental condition very good.

But Jonah Goldstein, her lawyer, who reached his office late after a long day spent in the Court of Special Sessions in Brooklyn, took these bulletins with more than a grain of salt.

Lawyer Still Skeptical.

"So Commissioner Lewis gives out any bulletins, does he?" said the lawyer in a tired voice. "I don't know what's happened today. I haven't had time to glance at the papers, and have had no news. But either the bulletins are true or they are not true. If Mrs. Byrne is in the line, excellent, entirely normal and highly satisfactory condition the Commissioner and Drs. Hunt and Gibb say she is why is not true. If Mrs. Byrne is in the line, excellent, entirely normal and highly satisfactory condition the Commissioner and Drs. Hunt and Gibb say she is why is not true. If Mrs. Byrne is in the line, excellent, entirely normal and highly satisfactory condition the Commissioner and Drs. Hunt and Gibb say she is why is not true."

But if, as Mrs. Sanger has the very best reasons for fearing, Mrs. Byrne is strapped to her bed in a state of coma, suffering the torture of forcible commotion through the nose, why then Mrs. Sanger should be certainly admitted to her. Either way you put it, whether Mrs. Byrne is a well woman or a hysterical woman, the Commissioner of Correction is employing an arbitrary power he has no right to use."

Being True to the Cause.

News from the Department of Correction would indicate that the morning meal was not only rich in sustenance but was enjoyed by pleasant conversation. Commissioner Lewis said that Mrs. Byrne took the rubber tube right into her mouth and swallowed it without resistance, and Dr. Hunt—the Commissioner said—was encouraged by this team work on the part of his patient that he asked her:

"Why won't you drink this nourishment from a glass instead of obliging us to pour it through a tube?"

"If I did that I would not be true to the cause," she replied.

"Oh," he assured her, "nobody would know. It would just be a little matter between ourselves, and I would never tell."

"I wouldn't be true to myself," said Mrs. Byrne. "It may be that nobody else would know, but I would—I would know that I had not been true to the cause I have laid down for myself."

Bulletins of the Physicians.

The bulletins of the patient's condition, morning and evening, showed, the Commissioner said, that her pulse was higher than it was the day before, and that she was in possession of all her faculties, in good spirits, not at all depressed. The morning bulletin was as follows:

"Thirtieth A. M. temperature, 97.4; pulse, 110; respiration normal, general condition fair, mental condition good."

The second bulletin, issued shortly after 5 o'clock P. M. was this: "Blood pressure, 119; temperature, 97.5; heart sound and normal, pulse, 108; respiration, 119; general condition good and mental condition very good."

"Mrs. Byrne," said Commissioner Lewis, "is able to leave her bed and several times yesterday walked about the room and opened and shut the window. That doesn't look as if she were suffering."

Miss Davis Is a Visitor.

Though Mrs. Byrne was not allowed to see her sister she had one visitor—Dr. Katharine Davis, chairman of the Board of Prisoners' Welfare. Dr. Davis said last night, "She was very bright. I talked with her and I saw her feel. She made no resistance to having the tube inserted and took a good amount of nourishment without protest."

"It was impossible for me to understand why, since she permitted this feeding without struggle or complaint, she wouldn't take her milk and eggs from a glass," Mrs. Byrne said. "Why do you continue your present attitude? I asked 'We cannot be concerned here with your ideas; we are concerned solely in providing you with proper treatment and assuring you at the expiration of your sentence in good condition. Why do you run the risk of injuring yourself for a cause? What difference would there be between drinking from a glass and allowing food to be administered through a tube? Why take the chance of injuring yourself?'"

To which she replied that she was not injuring herself for a cause, not attempting to injure herself.

"Why then do you take this attitude?" I asked her.

"I want to protest against my imprisonment," she said. "I do not believe in this."

"Well," Dr. Davis commented in replying to the conversation, "I suppose Mrs. Byrne is a difference between drinking from a glass and through a tube, but I confess I don't."

SPOOKS TAKE REST, BUT CAUSE ARREST

Stanislaus Lysaj's Peace Undisturbed Except by Curiosity Seekers.

The spooks of Newark have either been driven away from the scene of their antics last week or else have been made inactive. Another dull day in the home of Stanislaus Lysaj, 46 Tyler street, that city, was reported yesterday.

The ghosts have done nothing since last Friday night, a fact which is pleasing to Stanislaus, although not to the crowds which have been flocking to his home since knowledge of the existence of the phantom creatures and of their weird doings became public through the voice of Lysaj's wife.

Except for two priests and Lysaj and his wife, no one has been found who saw the carryings on of the spirits except Policeman Murphy of the Third precinct. He said that while he was in the house last Friday the spook in the room jumped to the floor. Scissors said yesterday that trolley cars that rattle past the Lysaj house have shaken the house so the lid of the trunk dropped out of its place, and that the same reverberations might have been responsible for the disappearance of the trunk. The curious continued to assemble about the house yesterday. One man bent so strongly upon catching a glimpse of the spooks that he climbed the rear fence and demanded admission. He was arrested upon Mrs. Lysaj's complaint. He said he was Frank Adams, 79 Ferguson street. Judge Mancusi, Ungaro suspended sentence on him.

MRS. SANGER CAN'T GO ON FOOD STRIKE

Justices of Special Sessions Halt Trial Without Hearing Defence.

Mrs. Margaret Sanger will not join her sister, Mrs. Ethel Byrne, who is on a hunger strike on Blackwell's Island as a protest against her conviction for giving out information on birth control—not in that way, the administration said in Special Sessions in Brooklyn yesterday. Justices Preschi, O'Keefe and Herrman reserved decision until February 2, when they will say whether or not a prima facie case has been made out or whether it will be necessary to offer a defence.

The weak spot in the case against Mrs. Sanger was that no evidence was presented by Assistant District Attorney Cooper in the opinion of the court, to show that the things distributed by Mrs. Sanger from her clinic in Brownsville were given out by her for a use that was illegal as distinguished from a use that is entirely legal and justified. Mr. Cooper and Assistant District Attorney Anderson argued that the purpose for which such things are used is a matter of common knowledge and that it was not necessary to offer proof. It being within the province of the court to take judicial notice of the use to which the articles evidently were intended to be put.

View of the Court.

Justice Preschi, who presided, in presenting the opinion of the court differed with Mr. Anderson. Although he said his mind was open to argument, he asked where was the proof that Mrs. Sanger had these articles for an illegal purpose. Mr. Anderson said he thought the articles spoke for themselves, and that it had been testified that Mrs. Sanger had been seen with them in her hand, telling women how they should be used. "There is nothing here to show that Mrs. Sanger ever sold or gave these to any one with instructions as to their use," said Justice Preschi. "Under the criminal law, if language is capable of a double interpretation, one innocent and one guilty, it is our duty to place on it the innocent interpretation. Doesn't that hold good here? This is a very close case, both as to facts and the law, and deserves serious consideration."

The chief witness against the two women was Mrs. Mary Whitehurst, the detective who gathered most of the evidence as to what went on in the birth control clinic. She described the interior of the place and the parts played by Mrs. Sanger, Mrs. Byrne and Miss Mindell in receiving the women who went there for information.

Miss Mindell's Case First.

The first case tried was that against Miss Mindell, the charge against her being that she sold to Mrs. Whitehurst for 25 cents a book entitled "Every Girl Should Know." This book, according to Jonah Goldstein, counsel for the defendants, has been on sale for ten years and is passed by Anthony Comstock, who has been on the job since 1872, as a book of no account. Justice Preschi held that Anthony Comstock was not authorized enough for the court and reserved decision until he has had time to read it. Goldstein argued long and loud until the court was somewhat wearied, and Justice Preschi finally said:

"You know perfectly well as a lawyer of experience and an authority on public nuisances what the law is. We must preserve jurisdiction until it is clear that we have no jurisdiction. The Grand Jury might not have been justified in returning the indictment, it might be dismissed and then whatever action this court might take would be null and void. We had admitted lack of jurisdiction."

When the legal arguments were over

the actual presentation of the State's case took but a short time. Mrs. Whitehurst testified to what she had heard Mrs. Sanger say, and described the various instruments in the room. She said that once Mrs. Sanger pointed to the crowd outside the door and asked:

"Can you blame me for desiring to obliterate that race?"

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POLICE INDIFFERENT TO BIRTH CONTROL

Literature Objected to in Brownsville Openly Sold at Carnegie Meeting.

MRS. SANGER IS SPEAKER

Resolutions Indorse Hunger Strike of Sister and Condemn Correction Commissioner.

To an audience which save for a few empty seats at the rear filled Carnegie Hall, at a charge of 50 cents a head on the floor and 25 cents in the galleries, Mrs. Margaret Sanger last night carried the message for which Mrs. Ethel Byrne, her sister, is hunger striking in the workhouse on Blackwell's Island.

It was a quiet meeting, with not a flicker of the trouble which some of the birth control advocates had feared. Copies of the *Birth Control Review*, the distribution of which Dr. Frederick Blossom, its editor, was sure the police would try to prevent, were openly sold, and the three sleepy representatives of the law on duty there took no notice. Instead they leaned peacefully against the wall in the lobby, well out of hearing of the revolutionary things that were being said from the platform.

Copies of Mrs. Sanger's book "What Every Girl Should Know" were also sold without hindrance in such numbers that at the end of the evening the street cars and subway were flooded with women carrying the little volume with title well displayed.

"Her Back to the Wall."

Mrs. Sanger, who hurried to the hall from her trial in the Brooklyn Court of Special Sessions, said that she had one message during the day from her sister in the workhouse.

"She sent me word that she was fighting with her back to the wall, that she would never give up, that she would die first," Mrs. Sanger said. "I know that she is very ill, but I have not heard since this morning at 10, that was when the message came. Oh, yes, I know that Commissioner Lewis says my sister is in good condition, but his bulletins are untrue, they have been untrue all along."

Up among the fashionably dressed women supporters of the work Mrs. Sanger is doing at some other women who were women with old faces, faces lined with poverty and trouble, shoulders bent, and the clothes they wore were not fashionable.

Brownsville Mothers There.

Some were bareheaded, with coarse sweaters over their dingy dresses, and some, even more pathetic, had made a pretence at display in the cheap velvet hats that made their worn faces look more worn. They were the Brownsville mothers, women who have visited Mrs. Sanger's clinic at 46 Amboy street, and who themselves asked to come to the meeting to show their gratitude for her sympathy for them.

Mrs. Sanger in the opening of her speech contrasted her position with that of Theodore Roosevelt.

"Am I immoral because I have tried to tell the poor women that they can be something more than child bearers?" she asked. "Am I immoral because I have tried to save women who cannot feed the children they have how not to have any more? I sense I am Mrs. Roosevelt goes up and down the length and breadth of this land telling women to have more children, regardless of their health and strength, regardless of whether they have large families, and he is neither arrested nor molested. On the contrary, he is considered to be of a high morality."

One of Eleven Children.

"But, friends, it is time to stop and consider which way we shall adopt. I say that no woman is free till she has knowledge of birth control, till she can choose when she shall have children, and we shall keep on breaking the law which forbids that information till it is repealed."

Then the speaker told how she had become an advocate of the reforming movement. "I was one of a family of eleven children," she said. "I lived in a factory town in this State, and my earliest impressions were that large families and poverty go together. When I was 17 my mother died, worn out by child bearing and poverty, and we were left with a lovely, impractical Irish father. A few years later I went into a hospital to take a nurse's training, and there I learned how ignorant girls are of their own bodies; yes, and I learned how rich women have the birth of their children prevented by solicitous physicians, those same doctors who are religiously careful to obey the law when the patient is poor and can pay no fees."

Why She Is Crusader.

Then Mrs. Sanger told of the case which, she said, made her give up nursing and go forth to teach birth control.

"I was called to see a woman on Grand street," she said. "She was 23 years old, had three children with a year between each, and her husband got \$8 a week or thereabouts. She was ill of an attempt at abortion. Her doctor and I brought her through, but just as we were leaving her she asked, timidly, if the doctor wouldn't tell her how to prevent such sickness in the future. And the doctor laughed. Would

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